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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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## For: METHOD FOR EFFICIENTLY DETERMINING A DNA STRAND BREAK

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of any claim fees, please amend the instant application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.